

Offered by Senator Schoesler  
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**PSSB 5187** - S COMM AMD TO S-2499.2/23  
By Committee on Ways & Means

1 On page 286, line 14, increase the Climate Investment Account-  
2 State Appropriation by \$32,373,000.

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4 Adjust the total appropriation accordingly.

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6 On page 295, after line 29, insert the following:

7 "(38) \$32,373,000 of the climate investment account-state  
8 appropriation is provided solely for the department to provide refunds  
9 to individuals and businesses verifiably demonstrating, through  
10 invoices or other similar billing statements, the erroneous payment of  
11 a surcharge attributed to chapter 70A.65 RCW, the climate commitment  
12 act, on motor vehicle fuels, special fuels, aviation fuels, or  
13 biofuels that are exempt from the provisions of chapter 70A.65 RCW,  
14 the climate commitment act. Entities may apply for a refund that  
15 includes interest, calculated from the date of purchase of the fuel to  
16 the date of issuance of the refund. Interest shall be calculated using  
17 the interest rate required by the department of revenue for refunds of  
18 excise taxes. The department must establish a climate commitment act  
19 refund portal that allows qualifying entities to electronically submit  
20 an application and supporting documentation. Of the amount provided in  
21 this subsection, \$200,000 may be used for administrative costs."

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23 On page 531, line 30, after "appropriation." insert "For the 2023-  
24 2025 biennium, \$50,000,000 of this account is not subject to the  
25 distributions described in subsection (2) of this section or the  
26 provisions in (1)(b) of this section and may be used to reimburse  
27 individuals or businesses conducting activities that are exempt from  
the provisions of chapter 70A.65 RCW."

EFFECT: Provides funding for the Department of Ecology to use to refund monies, including interest, erroneously paid for fuels for activities, such as agriculture and marine, that are exempt from the provisions of the Climate Commitment Act.

EXPENDITURE EFFECT (2023-2025): \$0 Near General Fund-  
State/\$32,373,000 Total Funds

FOUR-YEAR OUTLOOK EXPENDITURE EFFECT: \$0 Near General Fund-  
State

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